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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736  
By Wood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Larry Williams  
on the occasion of his fifteenth anniversary as  
pastor of the Ooltewah Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is blessed with ministers who provide their congregations with  
inspirational messages from the Word of God, give their churches a strong foundation, increase  
membership and contribute significantly to the physical and spiritual well-being of their  
communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Larry Williams, who is celebrating his fifteenth anniversary as the  
exemplary pastor of the Ooltewah Baptist Church, is one such outstanding servant of the Lord  
and Master; and

WHEREAS, God has richly blessed the church under his expert guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 210 to  
448 persons; and

WHEREAS, the budget to do God's work has also increased substantially going from  
\$169,102 to \$684,524; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Ooltewah Baptist Church has used this budget increase  
faithfully, to serve more persons; and

WHEREAS, the property value of the church and church grounds has increased from  
\$1.4 million to \$5 million; and

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WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 28, 1998, Ooltewah Baptist Church congregation will have a church-wide celebration of the ministry of Reverend Larry Williams, reflecting on his noteworthy accomplishments and his numerous contributions to the church; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to join in commemorating the fruitful ministry of Reverend Larry Williams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Reverend Larry Williams on his fifteen years of productive ministry at the Ooltewah Baptist Church and wish him much future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.